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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO ALGIERS AMMAN ATHENS
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1. AT APPROXIMATELY 1000 Z, FOLLOWING " COMMUNIQUE" WAS DIS-
TRIBUTED TO LOCAL NEWS AGENCIES BY SO- CALLED " HIGHER MILITARY
COMMAND" OF PLO:

QUOTE: THOSE WHO LED THE APR 10 ISRAELI ATTACK (ON
LEBANON) RELIED ON CIA ELEMENTS IN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
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IN BEIRUT. AFTER THE AGGRESSION, SEVERAL CARS WERE OBSERVED
HEADING TOWARD THE EMBASSY, AND SOME ISRAELI ELEMENTS ARE
STILL IN THE EMBASSY. ALSO, CERTAIN ISRAELI NAVAL UNITS WERE
OBSERVED APPROACHING THE COAST FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING OFF
THESE ELEMENTS. THIS ATTEMPT FAILED, HOWEVER, AND THE
ISRAELI ELEMENTS COULD NOT LEAVE THE EMBASSY. END QUOTE:

2. EMBASSY PLANS ISSUE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN CONNECTION
WITH ABOVE ALLEGATIONS:

" AMERICAN EMBASSY CATEGORICALLY DENIES MISCHIEVOUS
ACCUSATIONS OF PLO COMMUNIQUE THAT MEMBERS OF THIS
MISSION WERE INVOLVED IN ANYWAY IN THE ISRAELI RAID ON
LEBANON DURING NIGHT OF APR 9-10 OR THAT ISRAELI ELEMENTS
WERE HARBORED ON EMBASSY PREMISES.

" SUCH ACCUSATION ARE UTTERLY FALSE AND ARE CLEARLY
DESIGNED TO MISLEAD AND INFLAME PUBLIC OPINION."
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